

OPD Consultant Contract Policies

The Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) was instituted to provide efficient and effective constitutionally mandated services on behalf of indigent parties and the state. Because OPD's public funds are earmarked for such services, the policy of Washington State Office of Public Defense is to enter into consultant contracts in which 90% or more of expended funds will be used for direct services to the agency, rather than the indirect overhead costs of the contractor. This policy conforms with the practices of OPD concerning past contracts for services.